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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **2.00 pm** on **Friday 3 July 2026**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Samantha Lawton**

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## **The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Simon Holbrook (Chair)

Councillor Timothy Bamford

Councillor Akhtar Kasia

Councillor Brian Moughtin

Councillor Alex Vickers

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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### Pages

**1: Membership of the Committee**

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

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**2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Committee.

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**5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Financial Outturn Report 2025/2026**

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A presentation will be given in respect of the Financial Outturn Report 2025/2026, including the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account Outturn Position and the Annual Report on Treasury Management with reference to the report published on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Contact: Kevin Mulvaney – Service Director Finance

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## **8: Corporate Risk - Quarter 4 Report 2025/2026**

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A presentation will be given in respect of the Corporate Risk Report for Quarter 4 2025/2026, with reference to the report published on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Contact: Alice Carruthers – Senior Finance Officer

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## **9: Council Plan and Performance Update - Quarter 4 Report 2025/2026**

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A presentation will be given in respect of the Council Plan and Performance Update Quarter 4 Report 2025/2026, with reference to the report published on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Contact: Andy Simcox – Service Director for Strategy and Innovation

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**10: Allocation of Co-optees 2026/2027**

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A report will be submitted which seeks approval for the allocation of co-optees to the Scrutiny Panels for the municipal year 2026/2027.

Contact: Sheila Dykes – Governance Manager

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Contact Officer: Sheila Dykes

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Friday 27th February 2026**

Present:

Councillor Itrat Ali  
Councillor Zarina Amin  
Councillor Andrew Cooper  
Councillor Jo Lawson

In attendance: Councillor Amanda Pinnock – Portfolio Holder, Communities and Environment  
Dale Gardiner, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Jill Greenfield, Service Director Communities and Access Services  
Lee Hamilton, Safer Kirklees Manager  
Rashid Mahmood, Head of Highways  
Sarah Mitchell, Head of Communities  
Warren Pitman, Superintendent, West Yorkshire Police  
Sam Rose, Kirklees Probation Service  
Jaqui Theaker, Data and Insight Enablement Lead  
Philip Waddington, Group Engineer, Highways and Streetscene  
Chris Walsh, Safer Kirklees Manager  
Martin Wood, Head of Public Protection

Observers: Councillor Imran Safdar

- 73 Election of Chair**  
**RESOLVED –**  
That Councillor Itrat Ali be elected Chair for the meeting.
- 74 Membership of the Committee**  
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Cahal Burke.
- 75 Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
**RESOLVED –**  
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be approved as a correct record.
- 76 Declaration of Interests**  
No interests were declared.
- 77 Admission of the Public**  
All agenda items were considered in public session.

**78 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**79 Public Question Time**

No public questions were received.

**80 Strategic Intelligence Assessment and Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan**

The Committee received a report which provided:

- A high-level overview of the 2025 Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and an outline of the proposed Communities Partnership Plan priorities for 2026/7-29.
- An outline of an approach to develop the new Safer Kirklees Community Safety Plan (CSP) for 2026/7 –29.

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Environment and the Chair of the Communities Partnership Board, Councillor Amanda Pinnock, introduced the item and Sarah Mitchell, Head of Communities and Jill Greenfield, Service Director, Communities and Access Services gave a presentation.

The following points were highlighted:

- The development of a new Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2026-2029.
- Crime rates had fallen in many categories in Kirklees, though it was acknowledged that public perception did not always reflect this and that this could impact on community confidence and wellbeing.
- The importance of partnership working, including collaborative working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the Police, Fire Service, health partners, the Probation Service, victim support and community organisations. There was a strong established partnership in Kirklees.
- Engagement with ward councillors helped to provide detailed insight into local issues.
- The findings from the 2025 Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and the proposed high-focus priority areas for the next community safety plan, reflecting the data and insight from the previous SIA and that gathered from partners, ward councillors and communities.
- Key issues identified included neighbourhood crime, antisocial behaviour, exploitation, vulnerability and violence against women and girls.
- The plan aimed to be intelligence-led, focused on prevention and reflective of the lived experience of Kirklees residents, so that it continued to support safer, more resilient and more confident communities in every part of the district.
- The Committee's feedback would help to shape the final plan, which would be presented later in 2026.
- The intention was to move towards an approach which understood the connectivity, links and related factors that cut across the priorities and how things might be done differently, working alongside communities with the aim of becoming more effective and efficient, understanding what works and focussing resources.

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- The SIA showed no significant changes in crime trends compared with the previous year.
- Extensive engagement had taken place with officers, partners, communities, and ward councillors to inform the SIA. Perception within communities had also been considered.
- Alignment with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and national policing policy remained central to the plan's development.
- There was an increased focus on place-based working with significant engagement within wards with local councillors and the development of a 'safe people safe places' approach.
- The high priority focus areas would be those where there was a statutory duty for the partnership, where there were current or emerging concerns or where it was having a significant impact on how communities were feeling or was escalating. These were:
  - Serious violence
  - Domestic abuse
  - Violence against women and girls
  - Anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood crime
  - Hate crime
  - Preventing extremism/ Safeguarding communities
  - Migration
  - Community impact and tensions
- Monitoring would continue of other areas where performance was more stable or improving or which connected partnerships may have in view.
- Underlying this was cross-cutting work in relation to issues/common factors such as reducing re-offending and alcohol and drug misuse and building inclusive communities.
- The importance of working alongside people, with partners and at place was noted and the need to ensure oversight with other safeguarding boards and to consider a range of issues such as deprivation and inequality, focussed use of funding, developing trusted relationships and mental health.
- The ongoing working with/alongside Councillors and the areas for development.

Partner representatives from West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Kirklees Probation Service, Highways and Public Protection were also in attendance to contribute and answer questions.

Martin Wood, Head of Public Protection and Dale Gardiner, District Commander for West Yorkshire Fire Service provided information on the partnership work undertaken in relation to Bonfire Night and fireworks, in response to a recent Council motion:

- The current regulations did not support the restriction of firework use that many communities wished to see.
- The Council, Police, and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service undertook coordinated activities each year to promote safety, reduce nuisance and distress and support both enjoyment and community wellbeing, particularly during the period leading up to Bonfire night. The partnership worked closely together to respond to community concerns.

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- Joint work had included removing unsafe or clandestine bonfires, prevention work through schools and community engagement, targeting hotspots for anti-social behaviour, and encouraging attendance at organised displays.
- Trading Standards, Licensing, and the Fire Service carried out joint inspections to ensure lawful firework sales and identify counterfeit products and received intelligence from the Police.
- Reference was made to recent motions in Parliament seeking new regulation to increase the control of firework use. The current legal provisions were not considered to be 'fit for purpose'.
- The Annual Bonfire Plan had become well-established across the partnership and serious incidents continued to decrease due to effective joint partnership working.

Questions and comments were invited from Members, with the following issues being covered:

- The priorities aligned with expectations in relation to the issues raised at ward level. The work to be done on measurables was welcomed.
- The approach to engage with Ward Councillors was working well.
- It would be helpful for Ward Councillors to have a named contact officer from Safer Kirklees.
- The robust partnership working between Safer Kirklees, the Fire Service, the Police and other Council Services, which included responses to resident concerns, reassurance visits, coordinated action during Bonfire Night, hotspot checks and effective communication through officers and the Police Intelligence Portal was acknowledged and commended.
- The forthcoming formal training to support new council members was welcomed.
- In respect of how officers assessed hate crime without minimising a victim's experience, it was acknowledged that perception was an important issue. Significant work took place in terms of awareness-raising of what a hate crime was, alongside building trust in the response and encouraging reporting. The partnership approach included support from a Safer Kirklees victim support officer and a multi-agency panel to consider serious cases. Assurance was given that all reports to the Police were believed, recorded and investigated, with a recent partnership pilot indicating improved outcomes and satisfaction for victims.
- Assurance was sought regarding the positive impact in Ashbrow since the implementation of the partnership Clear, Hold, Build (CHB) model and how this would be sustained once the initial stages concluded.
- The success of the model was referenced, including national recognition in a recent inspection relating to serious and organised crime. The Neighbourhood Policing Team, Safer Kirklees and the wider partnership work would continue in this area. Thanks were expressed to the community and key stakeholders for their contribution to this initiative.
- The improvements in police engagement over recent years were acknowledged and appreciated and the positive impact of both past and current local leadership.
- It was noted that there was a need for national government involvement as a partner, in addressing legislative and funding barriers.

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- The importance of preventative road safety work was stressed and the increased budget for road safety work welcomed; it was hoped that this would encourage an area-based approach to investment.
- The view was expressed that there may be a need for stronger multi-agency planning in relation to Bonfire Night logistical arrangements such as access and parking, further to issues caused by congestion at a local organised event.
- The RTC (Road Traffic Collision) prevention work was highlighted and the ongoing engagement with young drivers through education providers and police-led activities, noting that this would have long-term benefits and acknowledging the challenges in reaching more experienced drivers.
- The work being undertaken to support care leavers in the transition to independence, and women and girls, was welcomed
- The Committee was advised of ongoing work across the safeguarding partnerships to understand what more could be done to support care leavers, within a whole partnership approach, which would include strengthening trauma informed support and involving housing, health and mental health services.
- A question was asked regarding the vulnerabilities of individuals and neurodiversity and if any correlation had been identified. Although no direct link had been identified locally, there was an awareness of national research having highlighted potential vulnerability among a variety of groups and this did inform local practice.
- In respect of the process for a Council response to be submitted to government consultations, such as the Home Office's earned settlement consultation, it was explained that consultation feedback was coordinated through various routes including the Policy Team. Efforts were made to ensure that responses were grounded in evidence-led insight and local experience.

### RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Cabinet Member, officers and partners be thanked for attending.
- (2) That the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 'high focus priority areas' and the 'continue to monitor work areas' (as set out in Appendix 1 to the report) which would be shaped in the new CSP plan with clear delivery plans be endorsed.
- (3) That the further exploration of the cross-cutting themes (as set out in Appendix 1) as areas to discuss with wider safeguarding partnerships be endorsed
- (4) That the Committee endorse the approach to working with Councillors (as set out in Appendix 3)
- (5) That the following be noted:
  - The CSP will mobilise Community Safety Plan Development phase stakeholders (commencing March 2026 to end of summer 2026)
  - Progress to strengthen place-based and Town Centre working will take place March 2026 onwards
  - The annual Community Safety Partnership Report on progress.
  - The CSP will share CSP Plan with clear actions for 2026/7-29 with the Committee later in 2026

**81 Lead Members Updates**

The Lead Members for each of the Scrutiny Panels gave an update in relation to the work currently being undertaken by their Panel:

- Children's
- Growth & Regeneration
- Environment & Climate Change
- Health & Adult Social Care

**82 Work Programme 2025-26**

The latest version of the Committee's Work Programme for 2025-2026 was submitted for consideration and noted.

Contact Officer: Sheila Dykes

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### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Friday 27th March 2026**

Present:

Councillor Itrat Ali  
Councillor Andrew Cooper  
Councillor Jo Lawson

In attendance:

Councillor Carole Pattison, Leader of Council  
Councillor Graham Turner, Portfolio Holder for Finance  
Alice Carruthers, Senior Finance Officer  
Sonya Daines, Data and Insight Enablement Lead  
Kevin Mulvaney, Service Director, Finance  
Andy Simcox, Service Director, Strategy and Innovation

Apologies:

Councillor Zarina Amin

- 83 Election of Chair**  
**RESOLVED -**  
That Councillor Andrew Cooper be appointed Chair for the meeting
- 84 Membership of the Committee**  
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Zarina Amin.
- 85 Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
**RESOLVED –**  
That the Minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved as a correct record.
- 86 Declaration of Interests**  
No interests were declared.
- 87 Admission of the Public**  
All agenda items were considered in public session.
- 88 Deputations/Petitions**  
No deputations or petitions were received.
- 89 Corporate Financial Monitoring - Quarter 3 Report 2025-2026**  
Kevin Mulvaney, Service Director, Finance presented the Corporate Financial Monitoring Report for Quarter 3 2025-2026, with reference to the report submitted to Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Regeneration, Councillor Graham Turner, introduced the item.

The presentation set out:

- Revenue headlines
- Revenue monitoring, with a breakdown across each directorate.
- Key pressures on each directorate.
- Council Reserves
- Housing Revenue Account position and variances.
- Capital Headlines.
- Direct Schools Grant (DSG) Headlines.
- Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators

Highlighted points included:

- The revenue outturn position at Quarter 3 was a forecast overspend of £4.1m, which was an improved position from Quarter 2 (£5.1m) and was expected to improve further by the year end.
- Pressures in respect of children' social cares and adult social care remained associated with demand, complexity of cases and cost of placements.
- Overspends were also projected in respect of home to school transport, parking and adverse weather budgets.
- Assurance was given that significant budget provision had been made in the 2026/27 budget in relation to social care demand, home to school transport and parking and there was also a contingency reserve of £3.8 m.
- Savings were projected within corporate resources and central budgets relating to energy rebates and treasury savings from slippage in the capital plan plus additional investment income.
- The projected deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £17.5m this year with the cumulative deficit standing at £81.3m. The Government had confirmed an intention to fund 90% of this historic deficit subject to the authority completing a satisfactory plan. The remaining deficit would need to be addressed by March 2028.
- Spend on the Capital Plan was currently £173 million, which was higher than in previous years and reflected the investment in 'our cultural heart' and the special schools.
- Attention was drawn to the future potential impact of the rises being seen in the cost of borrowing and inflation. It was noted that the Council was tied into energy contracts so it was anticipated that any impact in respect of fuel prices would be seen in 27/28 rather than 26/27.

Questions and comments were invited from Committee Members, with the following issues being covered:

- In respect of the DSG deficit, aside from the Government commitment to clear 90% of the historical deficit an indication had also been given that local authorities would receive proportionate funding associated with the 2026/27 deficits, which would mitigate some cost to the Council. In addition, two new special schools were being built which would assist in bringing down the costs of placements and reduce the in-year deficit. The Government were undertaking consultation on a White Paper in relation to Special Educational Needs and

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Disabilities (SEND) which was anticipated to contain a wide range of reforms and post 2028 the intention was that the Government would take responsibility for the cost of SEND.

- The Council had budgeted for all new borrowing and re-financing of existing borrowing at a rate of 4.69%. It was not possible to predict what might happen with interest rates. A mix of short-term and long-term borrowing was utilised to reduce and mitigate risk.
- An explanation was given in respect of how demand was forecast but this was difficult to do. There was a budget contingency reserve to assist if needed.
- There continued to be pressure in adult and children's social care in the last quarter so that remained a risk if the numbers continued to rise into 2026/27. There were likely to be further underspends in Treasury and the finance team would also explore other accountancy tools that could help mitigate the position.
- The delay in the transfer of the care homes had cost £867k in budget terms. And had been funded by use of the budget contingency reserve.
- Discussions were ongoing with the NHS in terms of funding of placement costs at care homes.

### RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Regeneration and the Head of Commercial Services be thanked for attending the meeting and updating the Committee.
- (2) That the current position be noted and it be recommended that these reports continue to be submitted to the Committee on a regular basis so that Lead Members are kept informed and can pick up any items within the remit of their Panel that may require further scrutiny.

## 90 Corporate Risk - Quarter 3 Report 2025-2026

Councillor Graham Turner, the Finance and Regeneration Portfolio Holder, introduced the Corporate Risk Report for Quarter 3 2025/26 with reference to the report submitted to Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Alice Carruthers, Senior Finance Officer presented the report, highlighted the following points:

- One new risk had been raised in Quarter 3 in respect of the sufficiency of care for looked after, or children in need including fostering, special guardian relationships and residential home provision. This had been highlighted as part of the annual review of the two safeguarding risks.
- One risk had increased associated with data processing an access to information to reflect the increasing volume of subject access requests. The position had improved in Quarter 4, to date, and this would be shown in the next quarterly update. The controls and actions to mitigate were explained.
- Eight scores had decreased, including three related to Council finances; budget monitoring and management, medium-term financial stability and capital plan management.

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Questions and comments were invited from Committee Members, with the following issues being covered:

- In respect of the measures being taken to respond to the issues around looked after children and placements, there was a programme of recruitment for foster carers and the importance of retention was recognised. The purchase of an additional small group residential home would also assist in reducing the cost of external placements.
- The improvement in staffing resources in the climate change team was welcomed and the hope expressed that more external funding could be achieved.
- In relation to any changes in political structure further to the elections in May there was a clear, documented and established governance framework in place.

It was noted that it was important that there was a focus on the understanding of roles and responsibilities of elected members and officers.

### RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Senior Finance Officer be thanked for attending to update the Committee.
- (2) That the current position be noted and it be recommended that these reports continue to be submitted to the Committee on a regular basis so that Lead Members can pick up any items within the remit of their Panel that may require further scrutiny.

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### Council Plan and Performance Update - Quarter 3 Report 2025-2026

Councillor Carole Pattison, the Leader of the Council introduced the report in respect of the Council Plan and Performance for Quarter 3 of 2025/26, supported by Andy Simcox, Service Director for Strategy and Innovation and Sonya Daines, Data and Insight Enablement Lead.

The report had been submitted to Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and included:

- Details on activity and delivery against the four priorities within the Council Plan and planned activity for Quarter 3.
- The latest data against the Council's Key Measures for 2025/2026, including a summary of the direction of travel and planned activity for Quarter 3.
- Benchmarking data to contextualise the demand and performance trends and enable comparison of Kirklees with regional and national rates.

The following points were highlighted:

- Smoking in pregnancy rates were down and were below the national average.
- Sickness absence was improving.
- 87% of Freedom of Information requests had been completed on time, which was an improvement on the previous year, despite an increase in demand.
- Council Tax and Business Rate collection rates were down in comparison with last year and were below those of statistical neighbours.
- There had been a reduction in the number of Education Health and Care Plans completed within the 20-week deadline, associated with rising demand.
- Demand had risen for home to school transport.

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Questions and comments were invited from Committee Members, with the following issues being covered:

- Analysis of Councillor Enquiries data was being undertaken and this information would be brought forward in due course. The aim was to try and reduce the number of repeat queries.
- It was suggested that it would be helpful for Councillors to be able to check outstanding enquiries online, perhaps through a dashboard tool, to help them manage their casework.
- In relation to measuring performance in terms of protecting the vulnerable such as supporting/advising those residents who were eligible for benefits, it was explained that this was one of the key priorities within the Council plan and there were a number of measures associated with it, a number of which would be service specific. It was accepted that it might be useful to bring all the relevant information together in order to assess the progress being made and inform the anti-poverty strategy. This could include data such as the number of face-to-face advice sessions held, the number of appeals supported, foodbank use, the amount of money that had been brought into the local economy as a result of such action by the Council, as well as the services being provided by other partner organisations in this field.

### **RESOLVED -**

- (1) That the Leader of Council and officers be thanked for attending to present the update.
- (2) That the current position be noted and it be recommended that these reports continue to be submitted to the Committee on a regular basis so that Lead Members can pick up any items within the remit of their Panel that may require further scrutiny.

## **92 Work Programme 2025-2026**

The latest version of the Committee's Work Programme for 2025-2026 was submitted for consideration and noted.

Thanks were expressed to the Governance Team for their support of the Committee and the Scrutiny Panels during the last twelve months.

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Contact Officer: Sheila Dykes

## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 28th May 2026**

Present: Councillor Simon Holbrook (Chair)  
Councillor Akhtar Kasia  
Councillor Brian Moughtin  
Councillor Alex Vickers

**1 Admission of the Public**

It was determined that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

**2 Appointment of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Panels**

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the appointment of the following Panels/Sub Committees be approved;  
(i) Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ii) West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (iii) Older People's Mental Health Services Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (iv) Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel (v) Children's Scrutiny Panel (vi) Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel and (vii) Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel.
- 2) That the Panels and Sub Committees as set out at (1) above shall not be in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

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<b>KIRKLEES COUNCIL</b>			
<b>COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC</b>			
<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>			
Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

## Item 7

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## **Item 8**

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[Corporate Risk Cover Report Quarter 4 2025/2026](#)

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## Item 9

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[Council Plan and Performance Update Cover Report](#)

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**REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-OPTees FOR 2026/27**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (if applicable)</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Purpose of Report: Allocation of Co-optees to Scrutiny Panels for 2026/27</b>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the allocation of scrutiny co-optees for the 2026/27 municipal year, as set out in paragraph 2.2, be approved.</li> <li>2. That the existing serving co-optees be thanked for their continued commitment and contribution to the work of scrutiny in Kirklees.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reasons for Recommendations</b> At the beginning of each municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to appoint/re-appoint co-opted members to the Scrutiny Panels.</p>	
<b>Resource Implications:</b> Not applicable	
<b>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> &amp; name</b>	<b>Rachel Spencer-Henshall – 22.06.2026</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?</b>	<b>Samantha Lawton – 22.06.2026</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** Not applicable

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** Yes

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Scrutiny Co-optees are lay people, resident in Kirklees who have expressed an interest in being involved with the work of the Scrutiny Panels; to help contribute to the transparency of decision-making, the shaping of strategies and policies and the delivery of services in Kirklees.
- 1.2 The co-optees are allocated to one of the Panels and bring an additional external, independent perspective to the debates at meetings.
- 1.3 At the beginning of each municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to re-appoint the scrutiny co-optees and allocate them to Panels.
- 1.4 The voluntary co-optees are appointed through recruitment, as and when appropriate, and a recruitment exercise was undertaken in late 2025/early 2026.
- 1.5 Those appointed have received an induction, met the relevant Chair and Governance Officers and attended the last meeting of the relevant Panel in 2025/26.
- 1.6 Co-optees are required to sign and abide by a Code of Conduct.

## 2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 At the start of the municipal year 2025/26 there were three co-optees involved in scrutiny. A further co-optee was appointed in September 2025. All of the existing co-optees have agreed to continue.
- 2.2 The table below includes both the current, and newly recruited, co-optees and the proposed allocations for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Name	Allocation 2025/26	Proposed Allocation 2026/27
Shahid Ali	n/a	Children's
Chloe Baldry	n/a	Environment and Climate Change
Helen Clay	Health and Adult Social Care	Health and Adult Social Care
Tom Donohoe	n/a	Children's
Kevin Evans	Environment and Climate Change (from September 2025)	Environment and Climate Change
Chris Friend	Regeneration and Growth	Regeneration and Growth
Kim Taylor	Health and Adult Social Care	Health and Adult Social Care

- 3. Implications for the Council**
  - 3.1 Council Plan**

Co-optees may have specific skills, knowledge and experience which can assist scrutiny in its work, providing an alternative, external perspective. Their input helps to contribute to transparency, effective and accountable decision-making, and policy development across the whole range of services the Council provides and towards achievement of the priorities and shared outcomes set out within the Council Plan.
  - 3.2 Financial Implications**

Not applicable.
  - 3.3 Legal Implications**

Not applicable.
  - 3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality**

Not applicable.
  - 3.5 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)**

Not applicable.
- 4. Consultation**

No consultation was appropriate in respect of the contents of this report.
- 5. Engagement**

No engagement was necessary in respect of the contents of this report.
- 6. Options**
  - 6.1 Options considered**

Not applicable
  - 6.2 Reasons for recommended option**

Not applicable.
- 7. Next steps and timelines**

Subject to the decision of the Committee, the co-optees will be advised of the confirmation of their appointment for 2026/27 and their allocated Panel.
- 8. Contact officer**

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- 9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

None
- 10. Appendices**

None
- 11. Service Director responsible**

Samantha Lawton, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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